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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear NYC Watershed Stakeholder:

I am writing to advise you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has extended the effective date for the transfer of primacy for the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR) for the Catskill/Delaware water supply to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

Over the past year, EPA and NYSDOH have worked together closely on both development of the draft Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) and on primacy matters for the SWTR and for other more recent rules issued by EPA. Much progress has been made on both these efforts, and the two agencies continue to work cooperatively towards common objectives. EPA has extended the primacy transfer date of May 15, 2007, set forth in the New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), to allow additional time for resolution of pending issues.

EPA and NYSDOH will continue to work as partners as we move towards issuance of the final 2007 FAD and establishment of a revised effective date for the transfer of SWTR primacy to the NYSDOH for the Catskill/Delaware water supply. EPA is cognizant of the provisions included in the MOA about primacy, and the Agency remains committed to the earliest possible transfer of primacy, consistent with the requirements included in the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

If you have any questions about primacy or the Filtration Avoidance Determination, please contact Mr. Philip Sweeney of the NYC Watershed Team at (212) 637-3554.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter E. Mugdan", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Walter E. Mugdan, Director
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